

Crystal Falls, Michigan

January 5, 2010

A joint special meeting of the Councils for the City of Crystal Falls and Crystal Falls Township was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Central Time.

Present: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Burke, Hagglund, Bicigo and Smokevitch.

Absent: None

Also present: Interim City Manager Olson, City Attorney Lawrence, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma.

Representing Crystal Falls Township Board were - Township Supervisor Lessandrini, Clerk Seppala, Trustee Kut, Treasurer Dalpra, Trustee Takala, and Township attorney Steven Tinti.

Also in attendance was Fire Authority representative attorney John Harrison.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the City of Crystal Falls and the Crystal Fall Township to discuss fire protection issues.

Lessandrini led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Steven Tinti gave history of the fire protection beginnings up until current fire authority. Discussion followed.

As of March 1, 2010 according to Tinti, the Fire Authority will no longer be able to spend any money. Kut asked if the City of Crystal Falls would like to change the agreement. Mayor Hendrickson commented on the financial condition of the City of Crystal Falls.

Public comment from Randy Hegstrom, Norb Dishaw, Patrick Olson, Judy Benda, Charles Sandstrom, and Al Trewnick included suggestions of:

An all volunteer fire department

The proposed agreement from the Fire Authority should not be based on SEV

Questioned the March 1st deadline

Should continue with full time drivers and support the proposed agreement

Comment that the cost sharing between the City and the Township is not fair

Mayor Hendrickson motioned with a support from Councilor Burke to appoint a committee consisting of 2 members each from the City and the Township Board, Interim City Manager Olson, attorneys Lawrence and Tinti, and Fire Chief John Ahola to report to the councils regarding recommendations for the proposed Fire Authority agreement.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Burke, Hagglund, Bicigo and Smokevitch.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

(The appointment of city members will be done at the next regular

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council meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010.)

Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to adjourn this special joint meeting of the City of Crystal Falls and Crystal Falls Township Councils.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Presiding Officer

Presiding Clerk